

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Budget Meeting #4
Minutes of December 13, 2007**

Selectman Adams opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also present were Selectman LeClair, Selectman Sanders, Selectman Johnson, Selectman Morse, Manager Allard, Finance Director Baroffio, Lister Hagy and Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, Philo Hall.

Discussion:

- Trustee Hall advised the Selectboard that they keep any surplus if it exists at the end of the year. They currently have about \$40,000.
- Library Director – her first year's package was capped at \$45,000. It is unclear to the Board, what is to happen after the first year. This is an increase of about \$16,000. The Manager included an additional \$10,000 in her budget for the Library. She felt the request was too high for one year.
- The Finance Director will set up a meeting with the Library's bookkeeper to determine exact payroll related costs.
- List Chairman Hagy discussed the recent result of the bids for updating our tax maps. The low bidder is for \$31,000. The approximate shortfall of \$21,000 will come from surplus.
- Clerk Pombar has requested an additional \$.50 compensation. On a vote of 4-1-0, the request was denied.
- Board added \$500 to the Town General Fund CIP for shelters at Memorial Park.

Motion made by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson to add \$1000 to the Recreation budget line item budget for Life Guards for the Municipal Pool. Motion passed (3-2-0).

Motion made by Selectman Morse to add an article to the annual warning for \$15,000 for the Senior Center. The motion failed without a second.

Motion made by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Johnson to add \$15,000 to the Town General Fund for support of the Senior Center. So moved (5-0-0).

Motion made by Selectman Morse that the line item in the Brown Public Library for FICA be recalculated using the correct percentage. So moved (5-0-0).

Motion made by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders to zero out the line item for unemployment in the Library budget as they do not pay unemployment. So moved (5-0-0).

Motion made by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson to approve the purchase of a new ambulance from Osage. The budget includes \$120,000 for same. So moved (4-1-0).

Town Highway Fund: Budget approved after moving the portion of the new employee to the Town General Fund. (5-0-0).

Town Highway Capital Improvement Plan: Approved (5-0-0).

Motion made by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Morse to include an article on the annual warning to build a new Police Station. The article will state a bond issue for up to \$900,000. So moved (5-0-0).

A motion was made by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Morse to include an article on the annual warning to establish a Conservation Commission. So moved (5-0-0).

Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

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